



Friday 14th June 2019

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"Together in Faith, Friendship, Kindness and Courage"

Mass Times: St Ann's: Saturday 5.30 p.m. with Children's Liturgy. Sunday 11.00 a.m. Mass.
St Christopher's: 9.00 a.m. mass with Children's Liturgy.

Assembly Reflection: Matthew 5: 1 -12, "Trust in good people."

This week's assembly was based on the gospel story from Matthew about trust. The children watched a real life clip where a Spurs fan found a wallet before the Champion's League game with £800, and a letter from his wife who had died. The Spurs fan contacted the Liverpool fan and returned the wallet. The Liverpool fan said that he trusted in God and knew somebody would return it. We then talked about always trusting God in our lives.

Candle Prayer: "Dear Jesus, I will trust in the Lord at all times."

50th Anniversary (1969 - 2019): Friday 14th June

The 50th Anniversary celebrations will be happening in school today. There will be a thanksgiving mass in St Christopher's church at 9.30 a.m. to celebrate the school being 50 years old. A small group of children will be planting some rose bushes called "Golden Anniversary" at the front of school to mark the occasion. This will then be followed by a "fun afternoon" for the children. There will be bouncy castles, a DJ, slide, face painting, dancing, forest school and many other exciting activities.

At 3.30 p.m. there was a demonstration dance by our Filipino community and food made for all people attending. In the evening, there will be a disco in St Christopher's Church hall under the church. The disco starts at 7.30 and ends late, there will be hot food and entertainment. The cost of the tickets is £6.00 per adult and children go free. You can bring your own beverages to the event. Please see Mrs Butterworth or Amanda Maddocks for tickets. You can also pay on the door on the night.

We really hope you can join us tonight.

Retreat Days

Thank you so much for attending the special Retreat Week Celebration and making it so special. It was a wonderful and happy way to end the term on the final Friday afternoon. The school hall was packed to see the work the children had carried out in their retreat classes over the week. The overriding theme was "God's Love" and Mary Farmer led each class in showing their work. Parents and grandparents were so complimentary about the children's singing and presentation of their work.

Science Theme Days

The school really enjoyed their Science theme day on Wednesday and Thursday. Our Science Leader, Miss Morris, organised some fantastic activities. On Wednesday, our Reception and KS1 took part in many activities from exploring animals to bubble making and inflating balloons. On Thursday it was KS2's turn and they carried out experiments on magnetic fields, electric circuits, periscopes and microscopes. The children really enjoyed learning about science and carrying out experiments. Thank you to Miss Morris for organising such a brilliant theme day.

Year 6: Science Time Trip

Year 6 had a really interesting day on Tuesday when they had a visit from "Time Trips." They learnt all about "Evolution and Inheritance" which is part of the national curriculum for Science. The children used films, photos, realistic models, fossils, teeth, experiments and games to bring these important science concepts to life. It is a difficult area to understand and the time team did a brilliant job.

The Halle Orchestra

Children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be joining the world-famous Halle Orchestra at the Bridgewater Hall over the next couple of weeks. The children have been working with the Tameside Music Service to produce a concert with other schools. They are all really looking forward to it, we'll report back about it in the next newsletter.

National Phonics Screening For Year 1

The children in Year 1 have been taking the National Phonics test this week. Miss Ratcliffe has said that they have all done really well. Can we thank parents for supporting the school in practising the phonic sounds with the children. Please keep up the "40 Read Challenge" - it is so important the children read on a daily basis.

National Multiplication Test Year 4

This year the Year 4 national multiplication test was introduced into schools. The children in Year 4 took the "online" test. The children had to answer 25 multiplication test questions and only had 6 seconds to answer each one of them. They all did really well and confidently answered them all.

Projects

Thank you for the incredible projects the children have carried out over the holidays. All the teachers walk around to see each classes projects and, as always, were really impressed with the standards. It gives the children an interest in their forthcoming topic.

Transition to High School

Our Year 6's enter their final term at St Christopher's. Parents who want to know more and help their children with transition to High School may find BBC Bitesize website helpful. It offers practical advice and emotional support for those children transferring to high school.

bbc.com/startingsecondaryschool

Sport: KS1 Soccer Festival

St Christopher's will be hosting the Tameside Catholic Schools Soccer Festival next Wednesday. You are most welcome to come along and support our Catholic schools.

Goodbye Mr Long

The school will be saying goodbye to Mr Long, Year 4 teacher, as he is leaving to take up a teaching post in Stockholm, Sweden. We would like to thank him for teaching at our school and wish him the very best in the future.

We are delighted to announce the recruitment of a new Year 4 teacher. Her name is **Miss Hulme** and she was appointed last half term, before the holidays. She is so excited to be starting at St Christopher's and will be an excellent addition to our talented and hardworking staff.

School Uniform

Can we remind some parents that the wearing of training shoes, or shoes that have a white border, are not allowed. We have a uniform policy that is listed on our website. "All black shoes and no trainers." Thank you for your co-operation.

Twitter (@st-christophers.tameside.sch.uk)

Please remember that the school Twitter account is now officially open for use. We hope that our account will reflect all of the brilliant things that the children do at school. Please follow us at **Twitter@st-christophers.tameside.sch.uk**

Cool Outside School Awards

A huge well done to all our children who received a "Cool Outside School" award. Please come and share your outside school awards. We love to share your achievements at the assembly.

Summer 2 Half Term Events

Fri. 14 th June	50 th Anniversary (Mass 9.30 am and disco in the evening)
Tues. 18 th June	KS1: Halle "Dinosaurus" Concert
Tues. 18 th June	Induction evening for new parents EYFS 6.30 pm
Tues. 18 th June	YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY
Thurs. 20 th June	Year 5 Trip to Imperial War Museum
Thurs. 20 th June	KS1 Sports Day 1.15 pm
Fri. 21 st June	EYFS Sports Day 9.30 am
Fri. 21 st June	KS2 Sports Day 1.30 pm
Sat. 22 nd June	Holy Communion 2 pm
Tues. 25 th June	Year 3/4 Come & Play with the Halle
Tues. 25 th June	Gift Team Celebration Day
Tues. 2 nd July	YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY
Fri. 5 th July	Non Uniform Chocolate
Fri. 5 th July	Year 6 Transition Day
Fri. 5 th July	Year Group Moving Up Day and Nursery Children Come for Lunch
Sat. 6 th July	Church Garden Party
Weds. 10 th July	"Cheerfest" Competition
Sat. 13 th July	Year 6 Prom
Tues. 16 th July	YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY
Tues. 16 th July	Brass Band Concert
Thurs. 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (6.00 pm) and Hoodies
Fri. 19 th July	Reports Out
Weds. 24 th July	Parent Report Drop In
Thurs. 25 th July	St Christopher's Feast Day
Fri. 26 th July	Year 6 Liturgy 9.15
Fri. 26 th July	Finish for Summer Holidays 1.15 pm
Mon. 2 nd Sept	INSET day
Tues. 3 rd Sept	School re-opens to children